## Transportation External Coordination (TEC) Working Group Communications Topic Group Information Products

## **Completed Transportation Information Products**

database containing the analysis of seventeen EISs to categorize the most common types of comments and responses in EIS documents which will assist in the standardization of responses thus communicating risk more effectively. The EIS Comment/Response database project now has about 1,000 entries. DOE's responses to similar questions during an environmental impact statement process have been fairly consistent but the information is useful because it helps identify situations in which answers to questions could be improved.

are available at: <a href="http://www.trex-center.org">http://www.trex-center.org</a>, as is the database listed above. The purpose of the bibliographies is to summarize all relevant documents, commentaries, policies, and law on the issue of DOE shipment routing, and to provide a "one-stop shop" for information on Risk Communication. The routing issues bibliography grew out of the EIS Comment/Response database project after it was discovered that the number one comment received from DOE stakeholders during environmental impact statement processes was about routing.

The

provides sample language to include in DOE's Environmental Impact Statements when explaining transportation risks. This can be found on the NTP website http://www.ntp.doe.gov/infoaval.html

are examples of phrases that would be appropriate for transportationrelated information products and in communications with stakeholders. See the NTP website: http://www.ntp.doe.gov/infoaval.html

❖ A report entitled,

addresses lessons learned on completed shipments of radioactive materials DOE transportation programs. It can be found on the NTP website <a href="http://www.ntp.doe.gov/infoaval.html">http://www.ntp.doe.gov/infoaval.html</a>

The consists of 40-slides on radioactive materials transportation and was developed for use by State and local officials to address constituents on DOE's transportation of non-weapons related radiological materials. The presentation assists elected officials in providing information to constituents and answering their questions on DOE transportation. It is also available on the NTP website.

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website is an interactive tool that was developed to provide stakeholders/users with an opportunity to assess various transportation and packaging testing results. The web address is: <a href="http://www.sandia.gov/tp/SAFE\_RAM/RAMHOME1.HTM">http://www.sandia.gov/tp/SAFE\_RAM/RAMHOME1.HTM</a>

## **Products in Draft**

was developed to provide basic information about DOE's management of low-level waste. Using a question-and-answer format, the guide explains technical information for journalists and other interested parties. The Guide is currently in draft and should be available by mid-2001.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>These documents are intended to assist in efforts to communicate about radioactive materials transportation in a manner that is responsive to the needs and concerns of stakeholders. The Communications Topic Group of the U.S. Department of Energy's Transportation External Coordination Working Group (TEC/WG) reviewed and/or prepared these documents. The TEC/WG was formed in 1992 to improve coordination between DOE and external groups interested in the Department's transportation activities. The membership of the TEC/WG includes representatives of national, state, tribal, and local government organizations, labor, industry, and professional groups.